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1. IN COMMENTING ON CONTENTS OF INFORMAL NOTE REPORTEDLY PASSED MARCH 10 TO AMEXCO PRESIDENT ROBINSON FROM CHAIRMAN BOYCHENKO OF INTOURIST, WE CAN ONLY ADD TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TEDESCO (OF WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO BE AWARE). THESE ARE:

(A) APPARENTLY INTOURIST IN NEW YORK IS NEGOTIATING WITH A NEW PROSPECTIVE LANDLORD (PERHAPS THE ONE ON 44TH STREET MENTIONED IN EARLIER REPORTS) WHO WANTS A FLAT \$100,000 ADVANCE DEPOSIT BEFORE AGREEING TO SIGN LEASE. THIS REQUIREMENT HAS, WE UNDERSTAND, ANGERED INTOURIST AND EVEN CAUSED THEM TO SEE DARK CONNECTIONS BETWEEN REAL ESTATE BROKER AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THUS, REFERENCE IN THEIR NOTE TO "DISCRIMINATORY POLICY CARRIED ON BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES." (NOTE: TEDESCO TELLS US HE CONFRONTED UVAROV AT INTOURIST ON THIS POINT ASKING WHETHER INTOURIST FELT DEPARTMENT WAS "BLOCKING" INTOURIST IN ITS EFFORTS TO FIND AND NEGOTIATE NEW LEASE IN NEW YORK. UVAROV WAS TO HAVE REPLIED "NO, NOT BLOCKING, BUT INTERFERING IN THE BACKGROUND.")

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(B) FORMER AMEXCO CHAIRMAN CLARK NOW DEFINITELY INTENDS TO ATTEND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING IN MOSCOW ON MARCH 19. HE NO LONGER, APPARENTLY, INTENDS TO BOYCOTT MEETING IF DECISION ON NEW OFFICE SPACE IN MOSCOW HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED BY THEN -- IF IN FACT HE EVER DID.

2. FOR RECORD, WE NOTE THAT INTOURIST NOTE (REFTEL)

STATES THAT PROFFERED NEW BUSINESS QUARTERS FOR AMEXCO ARE LOCATED "IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF MAYAKOVSKY SQUARE." THAT COMMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO TRY TO COME CLOSER TO AMEXCO'S EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR A MORE PROMINENT LOCATION. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE INDICATED EARLIER THAT TEDESCO (AND WE, TOO, FOR THAT MATTER) WOULD CONSIDER PROPOSED NEW SITE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER FIRM'S PRESENT QUARTERS IN METROPOLE HOTEL, ITS LOCATION ON SADOVAYA-KUDRINSKAYA DOES NOT QUALIFY IT FOR INCLUSION IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF MAYAKOVSKY SQUARE BY ANY STRETCH OF IMAGINATION.

3. SOVIETS HAVE MUCH MORE TO LOSE BY A CURTAILMENT OF INTOURIST'S ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK THAN DOES AMERICAN EXPRESS FROM A SIMILAR CURTAILMENT IN MOSCOW SHOULD THESE LEASE PROBLEMS DRAG OUT. THUS, DESPITE INTOURIST'S HUFFING AND PUFFING, WE MAINTAIN THERE IS MERIT IN CONTINUING TO HOLD LINE UNTIL BI-LEVEL AMEXCO DELEGATION ARRIVES IN MOSCOW O/A MARCH 19, AND CAN MAKE JUDGMENT ON PROPOSED NEW OFFICE SPACE ON SADOVAYA-KUDRINSKAYA. ALSO, PERHAPS BY THAT TIME SOVIETS WILL HAVE COME AROUND AND UPPED ANTE IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT ROBINSON'S EARLIER APPEAL TO CHAIRMAN BOYCHENKO FOR SPACE ON EITHER KALININ PROSPEKT OR GORKIY STREET. TOON

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